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SUBJECT: GOI HOPES FOR RESTRAINT IN US ARMS SALES TO PAKISTAN

1. RESPONDING TO A WRITTEN QUESTION IN THE RAJYA SABHA ON MAY 14, DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS BIPINPAL DAS SAID THE GOI HAD SEEN REPORTS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS AGREED TO SELL AMMUNITION, ANTI-TANK MISSILES, TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT, JEEPS AND OTHER MILITARY VEHICLES TO PAKISTAN. THE MINISTER ALSO SAID THAT A PAKISTANI TEAM RECENTLY VISITED THE UNITED STATES, BUT TO THE GOI'S KNOWLEDGE NO COMBAT AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN SOLD.

2. DAS ADDED: QUOTE IT HAS BEEN THE VIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA THAT LARGE-SCALE SUPPLY OF SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS TO PAKISTAN COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION IN THE SUBCONTINENT. THE GOI HOPES THE USG WILL EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN THIS MATTER. UNQUOTE.SAXBE

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